

HOUSE BILL No. 1295

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-6.1-7.5.

Synopsis: Teacher professional development. Creates a grant program, administered by the department of education, to provide annual grants of \$200 for each full-time equivalent certified staff member to school corporations for professional development. Requires a school corporation to establish a committee to plan professional development activities before applying for a grant.

Effective: July 1, 1998.

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January 13, 1998, read first time and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

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Introduced

Second Regular Session 110th General Assembly (1998)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 20-6.1-7.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 1998]:
4 **Chapter 7.5. Professional Development Grants**
5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to the**
6 **professional development grant fund established by section 4 of**
7 **this chapter.**
8 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "program" refers to the**
9 **professional development grant program established by section 3**
10 **of this chapter.**
11 **Sec. 3. (a) The professional development grant program is**
12 **established to provide funding for continuing education and other**
13 **professional development activities for certified staff members.**
14 **(b) The department shall administer the program.**
15 **Sec. 4. (a) The professional development grant fund is**
16 **established to provide grants to school corporations. The fund is**
17 **administered by the department.**

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1 (b) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not
2 revert to the state general fund.

3 Sec. 5. (a) A school corporation is entitled to receive a grant of
4 two hundred dollars (\$200) for each full-time equivalent certified
5 staff member in the school corporation for professional
6 development during a school year.

7 (b) A school corporation may apply to the department for a
8 grant to carry out a professional development activity developed
9 under section 6 of this chapter.

10 Sec. 6. (a) Before applying for a grant, a school corporation
11 must establish a professional development committee under this
12 section to plan professional development activities funded by the
13 grant.

14 (b) A professional development committee may be established
15 for a school corporation or for a school within a school
16 corporation.

17 (c) A professional development committee established under
18 this section:

19 (1) must include teachers from the school corporation or
20 school as a majority of the committee's members; and

21 (2) may include other certified staff members from the
22 school corporation or school.

23 (d) A professional development committee established under
24 this section shall survey the certified staff members of the school
25 corporation or school to determine the professional development
26 needs of the certified staff members.

27 Sec. 7. The department shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to
28 carry out the program. Rules adopted under this section must
29 include the following:

30 (1) Grant application requirements.

31 (2) Guidelines for types of professional development
32 activities.

33 (3) Reporting requirements.

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